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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 6-8 have been cancelled. Claims 3-5, 9-32, 37 and 39-40 remain pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kallas et al. (US 6,778,653).

Claims 1, 2 and 6-8 are cancelled and the rejection is traversed.

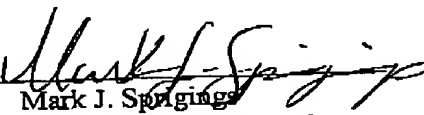
Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 3-5 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of original base claim 1 and therefore should be allowable. Claims 4, 5 and 9 depend on the amended claim 3 and therefore should also be allowable.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 10-32, 37, 39 and 40 are allowed. In view of the amendment made to claim 3, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3-5 and 9 are likewise in a condition for allowance.

Favourable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is thereby requested.

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